

At The



Secretary's Desk

BUNDABERG

The club recently had some problems with our track and after a lot of hard work, the committee is happy to report the track will be back to its best in the next few weeks.

The club had soil analysis done and these showed the track was sour and also contain too much acid.

We would like to thank owners and trainers for being supportive of the committee in its decision not to hold Sunday and Tuesday trials while we rectified the track problems.

The recent Young Guns series over 550m was taken out by local dog Just like Tammy who downed Bluey Skywalker and the previous Young Guns winner Samette.

Congratulations to Kevin and Rose Bryant on their win.

That same weekend we experienced, like everyone in south-east Queensland, extremely hot conditions.

The club put the races back and brought in extra industrial fans and had iced water available for trainers to cool down their dogs.

The committee would like to thank the travelling trainers and local trainers for supporting our decision.

ABUSED CHILD TRUST

Brisbane accountant Howard Crawford is counting on greyhound fans and owners and trainers supporting the Abused Child Trust on race days at Bundaberg on April 17 and 24. Crawford is sponsoring the Greyhound Syndications Battlers 5th Grade series on April 17 and 24. The race is restricted to dogs with no wins in their previous six starts.

He has a number of services, both natural and frozen semen, available for sale on those days.

The stud dog services on offer are to:

Most Awesome, Waterview Star, Bigbad Raymond, Shirdon's Alarm, Sorcerer, Furious Pace, Master Havoc, Go Wild Teddy, Bitability Bale, Bigbad Luther and Better Than Best.

The winner of the series will receive \$300 (to be finalised). Winning Edge kibble/ biscuits courtesy of Lloyd and Dell at Golden View, and Nature Vet Products will also be won.

In the final, bitches trained by a woman will win an American muzzle if their trainer can spell "Bundaberg" backwards.

CAPALABA

Plenty happening at the straight track in the next few months. Check the program for a race suitable for your dog. If you can't find one you are not trying.

The Capalaba Derby and Futurity are back on. The Dogs Lovers Day will see the final of a fifth grade series worth \$5000 to the winner.

Its Derby and Futurity time again with \$1500 to the winner of each final as well as a DVD/Video for the boys and a service to Cyrus The Virus for the girls.

Our Beenleigh Series start with the Maiden series final worth \$1000 to the winner. We will also be running a fifth grade series for the battlers courtesy of the Beenleigh Club. These will be run for four months with \$1000 to each final winner.

We have programmed a fifth grade time trial race for Sunday May 30 for the best 8 in fifth grade.

Each dog will race against the clock with the dog recording the fastest time being the winner. The Club is still awaiting the permission of the GRA for this race to proceed.

We haven't had the best of luck to begin 2004 having lost three meetings, one due to power failure and two to flooding problems.

The good news is that while the recent flood reached two feet deep in the betting ring, losses were contained to a few thousand dollars.

While no losses are good, the five floods we have experienced in the past five years have never reached the damage figures previously recorded.

Some claims for assistance from the GRA in previous years were in the vicinity of \$30,000. However, Bernie has a good prevention program in place which enables us to take necessary precautions before the flood levels reach Capalaba.

IPSWICH

Everyone loves a winner and this was certainly highlighted with the appearance of the current Golden Girl of Australian night of the Highland Smash Repair Vince Curry Maiden Series.

With the winning cup from her Australian Cup victory on display, she led the field for the final onto the track to tremendous ovation.

The club is very thankful to all the connections of Bogie Leigh for making both dog and trophy available on the night.

The Vince Curry Series was again an outstanding success with big things expected of many of the graduates.

The winner of the exciting final was the Tony Zammit trained Runaway Sally who came with a tremendous finish to grab victory right on the line and collect connections the \$20,000 first prize.

It was great to have long time industry supporter and Vince Curry work colleague and friend, Rod Hill, to present the trophy to the winner and provide some history on Vince Curry himself.

Special mention to the crew from the National Greyhound show "The Catching Pen" who were also in attendance on final night to do numerous interviews and provided our club and industry with a huge amount of positive exposure across Australia.

Another highlight of the evening was the announcement by the club that next year's series will be worth \$25,000 to the winner.

This maintains the Vince Curry as the richest maiden series in Australia and the only maiden race with group status.

This is a great achievement for Ipswich and Queensland racing.

The next major event on the Ipswich calendar is our Auction Series race.

With a number of participants from the Vince Curry Series progressing to the Auction race, the stage is set for another exciting race series at Ipswich.

With \$32,000 to the winner of the final, a big payday awaits one of the many supporters of our puppy auction on April 27.

As mentioned in last month's Journal the club is currently having parts of the running rail upgraded. This work is being carried out so as not to affect races or trial day.

From the grading department

A change of kennel must be sent to the GRA before nominating a greyhound even if the trainer of the said greyhound rears the greyhound. This form is to show it is in the trainer's kennels. (Rule 88) (a) (1).

Trainers remember Casino and Lismore are Class 2 tracks.

The only form the graders receive is from New South Wales so when nominating you must supply other form required for grading.